

NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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City of Parma Responds to Water Main Break

(**Parma**) – Police and fire units from the city of Parma are assisting crews from the Cleveland Water Department at the scene of a water main break on West 130th Street, just south of Snow Road.

The water line break near Plaza Drive has closed traffic in both directions from Snow Road to Huffman Road. Motorists are being asked to seek alternate routes and to avoid the area.

"We are closely monitoring the break and its impact on residents, schools and businesses in the area," says Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "We are also in constant communication with the city of Cleveland for updates on repair progress and the length of time before full water pressure is restored to the affected area."

The city of Cleveland will make the initial repairs on the street which straddles the cities of Parma and Brook Park.

Cleveland Water Department spokesman John Goersmeyer says only ten homes on West 130th Street and the Islamic Center of Cleveland Grand Mosque will be without water service until late tonight or early Tuesday. Goersmeyer says the 12 inch main split down the middle.

"There is no boil alert," says Goersmeyer. "Residents should let their tap water run for several minutes if the water looks dirty. They should call the Cleveland Water Department if the water does not become clear." The phone number to call is 216-664-3060.

"The Cleveland crews will make the initial repairs ASAP," says Parma Service Director Brian Higgins. "We will then assist them to finalize the road repairs later tonight or early in the morning."

Higgins says he hopes to have at least one lane of traffic in each direction opened by some time on Tuesday. He says permanent repairs will take a few more days.